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PORTUGAL: CAETANO GOVERNMENT MEMBERS RELEASED

LD221447 LISBON DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PORTUGUESE 1200 GMT 22 JAN 76

(TEXT) DR CESAR MOREIRA BATISTA, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR IN THE GOVERNMENT DEPOSED ON 25 APRIL 1974, WAS YESTERDAY GIVEN A CONDITIONAL RELEASE. HE LEFT THE PENICHE FORTRESS AFTER HAVING BEEN IMPRISONED FOR OVER 21 MONTHS.

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(EXCERPT) LISBON, JAN 22 (AFP)--THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES TODAY RELEASED FROM JAIL TWO LEADING MEMBERS OF THE FORMER CAETANO REGIME ARRESTED 16 MONTHS AGO FOR COMPLICITY IN A RIGHT-WING PLOT, AN UNOFFICIAL SOURCE SAID HERE.

THE FAMILY OF ONE OF THE TWO, GENERAL KAULZA OLIVEIRA DE ARRIAGA, SUGGESTED HE MIGHT BE A CANDIDATE IN FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

THE SOURCE SAID GEN. KAULZA, FORMER COMMANDER OF THE PORTUGUESE COLONIAL FORCES IN MOZAMBIQUE, WAS RELEASED WITH CESAR HENRIQUE MOREIRA BAPTISTA, INTERIOR MINISTER IN THE REGIME OF MARCELLO CAETANO.

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Comment:

Latest reflection of the moderateness of the current regime, and more of same is down the road. May be some muted outcry from the left (they do not have the media they once had), not that it would do any good.

These comments represent the initial and tentative reaction of the CIA Operations Center and of the appropriate analytic component in the Agency.

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3 July 1975

Dear General Walters,

This is to acknowledge your
letter of 30 June. We expect to publish
it in a coming issue.

Yours sincerely,



R.B. Silvers

General Vernon A. Walters
Deputy Director
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Washington, D.C. 20505

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Editor
New York Review
Mr. Robert B. Silvers
250 West 57th Street
New York, N. Y. 10019

Dear Mr. Silvers:

With regard to the article on Portugal which you published on May 17, 1975, I did not see a single one of the people Mr. Maxwell alleges I saw while I was in Portugal last August. Perhaps Mr. Maxwell's view of my "blundering machinations" is more fiction of his making than fact of my doing.

Faithfully,

/s/ Vernon A. Walters

Vernon A. Walters
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

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The Editors

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